

12/28/71; BRIEF COMMENTS RE SALANDRIA COMPUTERS ARTICLE for HW, JP

I was so sickened by this article that I could barely plow through it. I cannot believe how naive--in the least--the guy is, how he fails to understand anything about the workings of government, and how dishonest & unscholarly he is.

There is really littel for me to say. What can anybody say about such drivel as his explanation for why the government has released info proving conspiracy? Or his explanation of the Kennedy's silence? Or how he eliminates Hoover and the right from consideration as conspirators? The Bundy thesis is ridiculous and totally unsupported. I have long been agaast at Salandria obsession with white's undocumented revelation of the broadcast aboard Air Force One.

The one example of unscholarly misquoting which particularly struck me--there were others--was when he pretended to quote Schlesinger: "Here is what Schles. said about Kennedy's feeling concerning the Vietnamese policy: 'e was somber and shaken...'" This is completely out of context. Schles wrote that specifically to describe JFK's reaction to the death of Diem and Nhu.

It is really not worth it for me to spend time with this rubbish. It is entirely disreputable in my mind, and goes much further than anything I've seen before in establishing Salandria as a kook. I'm glad it was printed in a magazine of so littla circulation, and I hope no attention is paid to it.

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